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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF
DORCHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ending December

1991

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MESSAGE FROM SELECTMEN

Certainly the largest item on the Town Calendar for 1991, both in time and effort expended was the revaluation of property performed by the Department of Revenue Administration between the beginning of April and the middle of November. During that period every property in Dorchester was inspected at least once and in some cases two or even three times. Taxpayers were afforded the opportunity to review proposed assessments with the appraisers in October, and to point out relevant factors missed by them. Some appropriate adjustments were made after these conferences. As the values became official, 19 timely requests have been received for abatement. All these requests have been carefully considered and in 4 cases relief was granted. We now have in place an assessment system and manuals which will be the basis of our tax levies for the foreseeable future. We are pleased that a great deal of hard work locally in establishing more accurate mapping information than we previously had, saved us over twenty-five hundred dollars of the estimated cost of this project.

Our house fire protection arrangement has settled down into a workable system with both departments furnishing protection having maps clearly delineating areas of primary responsibility and available sources of water. Fortunately only one call was needed from Town Meeting to the end of 1991, when Rumney was called on a car fire on Rte. 118. Canaan was not called at all, but has had one call, a chimney fire, already in 1992.

We also started what we hope will become a long term program to improve our paved and unpaved roads. We have decided it is cost effective to use the more expensive surfacing as was used on River Road and Bickford Woods because of the longer life to be expected. We would hope the program can be followed for the next several years with one-half mile to one mile of new pavement being added each year. The unpaved roads will be widened, regraded and filled as appropriate. Ditch lines will be reworked

and the banks cleared to permit better drying.

There are so many people who have helped make the Town work this past year as there have been in the past, are in the present and we hope will be in the future. Even in this time of economic difficulties this volunteerism helps us to keep spending under budget.

Finally, we regret losing our colleague Brian Howe as a member of the Board. His judgment and experience have been invaluable to us and we will miss him. We wish him well in his new position as "The Major".

Blanche A. MacDonald

Valentine F. Parker

Selectmen

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE:

Canaan 1-448-1212

Rumney 1-524-1545

F.A.S.T. SQUAD, Canaan, 523-8343

ELECTRIC COMPANY, 1-800-343-6432

TELEPHONE COMPANY, 1-555-1611

POLICE (Troop F, Twin Mountain)

1-800-852-3411

1-800-846-5517

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Blanche A. MacDonald '92 Valentine F. Parker '94
Maureen T. Blanch '93

Moderator - Henry Melanson '92

Treasurer

Walter H. Morgan '92

Town Clerk

Brenda A. Howe '92

Tax Collector - Delbert Pratt '92

Road Agent

George C. Conkey '92

Permit Officer -

Trustee of Trust Funds

Jaye Williams '92

Forest Fire Warden

George Conkey, II

Welfare Director

Alice Melanson

Health Officer

Blanche A. MacDonald

Dog Officer

JoEllen Gove

Supervisors of Checklist

Frances Whitehurst '96

Martha Walker '94

Jean Krzyzak '92

Cemetery Committee - Martha Walker

Planning Board

Ira Young, '92

Valentine Parker, Slc.Rep.'94

Anthony Zarella, '93

Cheryl Legg, '92

Board of Adjustment

Maureen Blanch, SlcRep.'93

Evelyn Young, '93

Larry Rousseau, '93

Donald Thibodeau, Alt.'94

Donald Poirier, Alt.'92

Blanche MacDonald, Ex-officio Alt. (both Boards)

Library Trustees

Mary Morrissey '93

Robert Thayer '92

Nella H. Ashley '94

Representative, Solid Waste District

Valentine F. Parker

Director, UV Regional Planning Commission

Valentine F. Parker

Historic District Commission

Robert Pon '94, Chairman

Nella H. Ashley '93

Val Parker '94, Selectmen's Rep.

Patricia Franz '92

Mary Morrissey '94

Anthony Zarella, PB Rep '92

School Board Member

Cathy Cote '93

Representatives to Mascoma Health Council

Herbert Noel

Ruby Noel

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday the 10th day of March, 1992, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, March 14, 1992.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or mineral rights acquired by the Town by any Tax Collector's deed, and to authorize the Selectmen to sign the necessary and appropriate documents for such purposes. And in the event of a sale, any sale shall be conducted by advertised sealed bids, negotiated private sale, public auction, or in any other manner which the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants which may become available during the course of the year, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, and also to accept and expend money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for purposes for which the town may legally appropriate money. (Majority vote required.)

5. To see if the Town of Dorchester, New Hampshire, will vote to elect the Chief of Police rather than having same appointed by the Board of Selectmen. (By Petition)

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500.00), to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund.....	\$2,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	5,000.00
Bridges (Repair, Replacement)....	2,500.00

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.), to shim and repave those portions of River Road from a point near the Butcher residence south to the State road near the bridge, a total length of 2,500 feet more or less.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to complete paving that portion of Bickford Woods Road beginning at the end of the present pavement proceeding northward to the old pavement, approximately 2,500 feet.

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand eight hundred dollars (\$5,800.00) for the purpose of improvements to the Town Hall and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Capital Reserve Funds for Improvements to Town Buildings such sums, up to and including the entire balance, including any deposits pursuant to Article 5 of this warrant if, in their discretion, such withdrawal is appropriate.

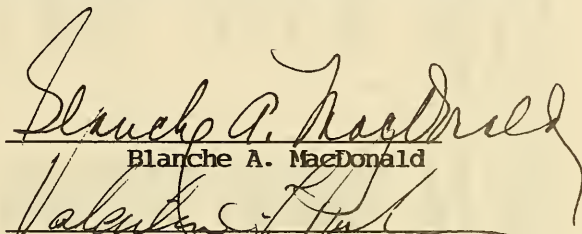
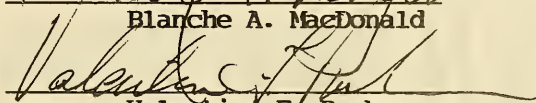
10. To see if the Planning Board members shall be elected pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 669:17 rather than having same appointed as provided by New Hampshire RSA 673:2,II(a). (By Petition)

11. To see if the Town of Dorchester, New Hampshire, will vote to elect Zoning Board of Adjustment members pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 669:17 rather than having same appointed as provided by New Hampshire RSA 673:3,I. (By Petition)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-five thousand one hundred seventy-five dollars and five cents (\$165,175.05 to defray town charges. (This excludes the amounts raised in Articles 5,6,7,8.)

13. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 17th day of February, 1992.


Blanche A. MacDonald

Valentine F. Parker

Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy Attest:

Blanche MacDonald
Valentine F. Parker

DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Appropriations 1991	Expenditures 1991	Underspent 1991	Overspent 1991	Recommend 1992
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Town Officers' Salaries	7,980.00	7,770.00	\$ 210.00		\$8,450.00
Town Officers' Expenses	9,500.00	8,872.87	627.13		9,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	800.00	1,122.21		322.21	1,500.00
General Government Buildings	4,200.00	508.22	3,691.78		4,500.00
Planning & Development	750.00	1,001.22		251.22	1,000.00
Legal Expenses	2,000.00	1,950.31	49.69		2,500.00
Regional Associations	850.00	364.00	486.00		500.00
Central Administration					
Town Reports	400.00	414.20		14.20	600.00
Mailing	0.00	100.75		100.75	
Publishing Warrant	0.00	75.00		75.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	750.00	652.85	97.15		750.00
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00			500.00
Contingency Fund	500.00	80.00	420.00		500.00
Audit	0.00	0.00			300.00
Revaluation of Town	19,000.00	16,386.83	2,613.17		0.00
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PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Department	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
Fire					
Forest Fire Protection	1,000.00	493.95	506.05		1,000.00
Fire Dept. Contracts	8,300.00	10,129.05		1,829.05	8,045.00
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
Town Maintenance	47,300.00	43,600.82	3,699.18		47,300.00
Gen. Hwy. Dept. Expenses (Block Grant)	27,043.03	27,043.03			28,672.73
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Disposal (Rumney Dump)	12,421.00	12,421.50		.50	12,421.50
Solid Waste Planning, Pemi-Baker Dist.	208.32	208.32			88.32

Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
Mascoma Home Health Services	1,100.00	1,100.00		1,140.00
Plymouth Task Force Against Violence	300.00	300.00		300.00
Grafton Co. Senior Citizens Council	288.00	288.00		300.00
WELFARE				
General Assistance (Includes Town support of CAP fuel assistance & Plymouth Homeless Shelter)	2,500.00	2,443.18	56.82	3,000.00
CULTURE & RECREATION - Library	250.00	250.00		250.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Int. Expense - Tax Anticipation Note	16,000.00	15,795.75	204.25	11,800.00
Principal of Long Term Notes	10,000.00	10,000.00		5,000.00
Interest Expense - Long Term Notes	1,942.50	1,942.50		1,332.50
MISCELLANEOUS				
Insurance	9,000.00	10,147.00	1,147.00	10,700.00
Patriotic - Flags	24.00	25.00	1.00	25.00
Unemployment Compensation	200.00	154.35	45.65	200.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$188,106.85.....	\$177,140.91....	\$15,206.87.....	\$4,504.53...\$165,175.05
SPECIAL APPROPRIATION:				0.00
Recycling	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Fire Protection (See above)				
Town Hall Improvements	0.00	0.00		5,800.00
Highway Capital Improvements	14,000.00	14,000.00		12,000.00
Capital Reserve Funds:				
Town Buildings	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
Purchase of Town Land	5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
Highway Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
Bridges	0.00	0.00		2,500.00
TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:.....	\$27,000.00.....	\$27,000.00.....		\$27,300.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$188,106.85.....	\$177,140.91....	\$15,206.87.....	\$4,504.53...\$165,175.05
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	27,000.00.....	27,000.00.....		27,300.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	215,106.85.....	\$204,140.91....	\$15,206.87.....	\$4,504.53...\$192,475.05

SOURCES OF REVENUES	Selectmen's Budget 1991	Actual Revenues 1991	Selectmen's Estimate 1992
TAXES			
Yield Taxes	24,000.00	13,025.09	\$14,000.00
Interest & Penalties of Taxes	4,000.00	7,614.57	4,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	8,515.00	7,939.00	7,939.00
Highway Block Grant	27,043.03	27,043.03	28,672.73
Reimbursement - State/Federal Forest Lands	572.00	572.27	572.27
Forest Fire Training	75.00	147.38	75.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - FEDERAL			
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Motor Vehicles Permit Fees	21,000.00	21,475.50	22,500.00
Dog Licenses	325.00	246.75	300.00
Permits and Filing Fees	75.00	49.00	75.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest on Deposits	16,000.00	15,184.78	8,500.00
Planning and Development	275.00	415.10	600.00
Withdraw from Capital Reserves	11,400.00	11,912.23	5,800.00
Refunds	0.00	1,571.25	
Other	0.00	1,031.10	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Fund Balance	26,457.94	26,457.94	39,618.69
TOTAL REVENUES.....	\$143,737.97.....	\$134,684.99.....	\$136,652.69
TOTAL PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS	\$215,106.85.....	\$204,140.91.....	\$192,475.05
LESS TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES.....	143,737.97.....	134,684.99.....	136,652.69
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$ 71,368.88.....	\$ 69,455.92.....	\$ 55,822.36
(exclusive of School and County Taxes)			

FINANCIAL REPORT
Balance Sheet December 31, 1991

<u>ASSETS</u>	Balance
Cash:	
All funds in custody of Treasurer	\$13,706.15
Total Cash	\$13,706.15
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1990	41,668.39
Levy of 1989	15,258.16
Prior Years	<u>5,233.83</u>
Total Unredeemed Taxes	62,160.38
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1991	
Property Taxes	75,619.04
Yield Taxes	<u>186.12</u>
Total Uncollected Taxes	75,805.16
 TOTAL ASSETS.....	 \$151,671.69

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
School District Taxes Payable	\$112,053.00
 TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	 \$112,053.00

RECONCILIATION:

Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 1990	\$26,457.94
Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 1991	39,618.69
Change in Financial Condition	+\$13,160.75

1991 TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Blanche A. MacDonald, Selectwoman.....	1,500.00
Brian Howe, Selectman.....	1,500.00
Valentine F. Parker, Selectman.....	1,500.00
Walter H. Morgan, Treas.....	800.00
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk.....	700.00
Jean Krzyzak, Deputy Clerk.....	60.00
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector.....	1,500.00
Marilyn Pratt, Deputy Tax Collector.....	60.00
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director.....	100.00
Jaye Williams, Trustee Trust Fund,	50.00
Salaries.....	\$7,770.00
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk, Fees.....	597.01
Jean Krzyzak, Deputy Town Clerk, Fees.....	55.84
TOTAL.....	\$8,422.85

1991 TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Selectmen

Legal Ads.....	\$ 75.20
Register of Deeds, Transfer copies.....	130.25
Publications, Law Books.....	349.38
Telephone.....	637.70
Marina Belair, Sec./Bkkpr.....	5,064.39

Tax Collector:

Datown Computer Service, Tax Bills & Books..	823.91
Envelopes & Office Supplies.....	14.35
Postage.....	200.45
Register Tax Liens.....	92.30

Town Clerk:

Manual.....	30.00
Dog Tags & Licenses.....	32.65
Clerks' Assoc. Dues.....	20.00

TOTAL.....\$8,872.87

ROAD EXPENDITURES

SALARIES.....	\$29,929.18
George C. Conkey.....	\$19,500.00
(BC/BS & Ret.)	2,871.98
Louis Delsart, Acting R.A....	1,273.50
George C. Conkey, II.....	249.00
Jonathan Conkey.....	5,707.00
Craig Conkey.....	36.00
Daniel L. Conkey.....	119.70
John Phinney.....	70.00
Brett MacDonald.....	54.00
Raymond Conkey.....	48.00
 EQUIPMENT - MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.....	 \$4,387.81
Town Truck.....	\$2,976.94
Loader.....	788.10
Plow.....	242.60
Sander.....	96.00
Chainsaw.....	57.45
Steamer.....	6.72
Chipper Rental.....	220.00
 FUEL (Gas & Oil).....	 2,554.32
 WINTER MAINTENANCE.....	 4,023.04
Materials.....	\$3,743.04
Sub-Contractors.....	280.00
 SUMMER MAINTENANCE.....	 42,689.26
Materials.....	3,936.84
Sub-Contractors.....	38,752.42
 GENEREAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES.....	 1,060.24
N. H. Electric Co-op.....	139.28
Misc.....	920.96
 GRAND TOTAL, ROAD EXPENDITURES.....	 \$84,643.85

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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CASH ON HAND, Jan. 1, 1991.....	\$ 5.00
Number of Cars - 420	21,371.00
Filing Fees - 9	9.00
Bad Check Fee - 3	33.50
Dogs - 59	298.00
Pistol Permits.....	8.00
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER.....	\$21,719.50
CASH ON HAND, Dec. 31, 1991.....	\$5.00

REGISTRATION & ELECTION EXPENSES

- 1991 -

Jean Krzyzak, Supervisor of Checklist.....	\$235.75
Frances Whitehurst, Supervisor of Checklist.....	143.25
Martha Walker, Supervisor of Checklist.....	158.25
Henry Melanson, Moderator.....	76.50
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk.....	54.00
Frances Merrill, Ballot Clerk.....	52.88
Legal Notices (Mountain Media & Mascoma Messenger).	351.91
Supplies.....	46.64
Postage.....	3.03
TOTAL.....	\$1,122.21

TREASURER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1991

Cash on hand, January 1, 1991.....\$37,895.59
Received:

 From Tax Collector.....\$398,346.37
 From Town Clerk..... 21,738.50
 From Selectmen.....495,923.04

Total Receipts.....916,007.91

\$953,903.50

Payments by order of Selectmen..... 940,197.35

Cash on hand, December 31, 1991..... \$13,706.15

Pemigewasset National Bank..... \$10,715.84

Mascoma Savings Bank..... 2,372.07

Community Guaranty Savings Bank..... 618.24

\$13,706.15

Special Receipts - Impact Fees:

 Received \$6,000.00

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1991 \$6,000.00

Special donation Fund:

 Received, 1990.....\$1,082.72

 Interest.....56.78

Cash on hand, December 31, 1991.....\$1,139.50

Mascoma Savings Bank.....\$1,139.50

Respectfully submitted,
Walter H. Morgan,
Treasurer

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land (Current Use Valuation) 24,340.68 acres..	\$ 807,621.00
(Ad Valorem Value - \$10.347,737.00)	
Land (All Other) 3,368.52 acres..	7,198,643.00
Less Tax Exempt Lands.....	622.28 acres.. 331,980.00
Net Taxable Land.....	7,674,284.00
Buildings	
A. All.....	8,935,800.00
Less Exempt Buildings Value.....	135,400.00
Net Buildings Value.....	8,800,400.00
Public Utilities - NH Elec. Co-op Lines.....	522,482.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions.....	16,997,166.00
Exemptions - Elderly.....	10,000.00
Other.....	31,200.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed.....	\$16,955,966.00

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATES

Net Assessed Valuation.....	\$16,955,966.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Town Property Taxes Assessed.....	330,374.00
Less War Service Tax Credits.....	2,400.00
Net Property Tax Commitment.....	327,974.13
Tax Rate per 1,000.....	19.35
Municipal.....	\$5.63
County	0.94
School	12.78

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land Buildings.....	\$94,000.00
Furniture/Equipment.....	1,350.00
Library, Land & Buildings.....	30,900.00
Furniture/Equipment.....	5,000.00
Police Department, Equipment.....	3,000.00
Fire Department, Equipment.....	2,000.00
Highway Dept., Equipment & Materials.....	65,000.00
Historical Museum.....	12,400.00
Other Town Land.....	10,800.00
TOTAL.....	\$224,450.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1991

	Levies of 1991	Prior
<u>DEBITS:</u>		
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes		\$ 78,474.43
Yield Taxes		1,344.99
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$327,974.13	
Yield Taxes	13,218.91	
Interest Collected		
on Delinquent Taxes	302.33	8,324.70
Overpayment - Property Taxes	106.43	24.92
 Total Debits.....	 \$341,601.80...	 \$88,169.04

	Levies of 1991	Prior
<u>CREDITS:</u>		
Remitted to Treasurer during Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$252,292.24	\$78,499.35
Yield Taxes	13,032.79	911.88
Cost/Interest on Taxes	302.33	8,324.70
Abatements Granted:		
Property Taxes	169.28	

Uncollected Taxes End of

Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	75,619.04	
Yield Taxes	186.12	433.11

Total Credits.....\$341,601.80...\$88,169.04

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1991

Tax Sale/Lien on Account of	Levies of
1990	1989
	Prior

DEBITS:

Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		
Beginning Fiscal Year	\$32,353.80	\$20,808.15
Taxes Sold to Town	\$45,984.60	
Interest Collected		
After Lien Execution	148.52	2,095.76
		5,240.34
Total Debits.....	\$46,133.12..	\$34,449.56...\$26,048.49

CREDITS:

Remittance to Treasurer		
During Fiscal Year:		
Redemptions	\$ 4,316.21	17,095.64
Int&Costs after sale	148.52	2,095.76
		\$15,574.32
		5,240.34
Unredeemed Taxes		
End of Year	41,668.39	15,258.16
		5,233.83
Total Credits.....	\$46,133.12..	\$34,449.56...\$26,048.49

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
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Lucy Hazen Kimball Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990		\$ 215.33
Interest 1991		15.21
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		230.54
Scott Burleigh Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990		659.17
Interest 1991		48.68
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		707.85
Paul Hopkins Hutchinson Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990		1,096.28
Interest 1991		79.10
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		1,175.38
John C. Davenport Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990		157.45
Interest 1991		12.17
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		169.62
Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990		277.14
Interest 1991		21.30
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		298.44
Town Cemetery Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990		1,735.58
Interest 1991		127.77
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		1,863.35
Town Building Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990		1,635.06
Interest 1991		120.14
New Funds Created		2,000.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		3,755.20

Highway Maintenance Equipment Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990	\$	11,661.13
Interest 1991		856.72
New Funds Created		5,000.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		17,517.85
Purchase of Property Fund		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1990		15,700.37
Interest 1991		1,153.46
New Funds Created		5,000.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		21,853.83
Property Revaluation Fund		
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1990		11,239.42
Interest 1991		678.14
Expenses		5.33
Withdrawals--Account closed Dec. 1991		11,912.23
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1991		0

Respectfully submitted,
Jaye B. Williams
Trustee of Trust Funds

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Summer Maintenance

Department time was used effectively on brush cutting, ditching, culvert replacement as needed, gravel shimming and grading with attention to the needs of Cheever, Hearse House, Town House, River, Cross, Reber, Town Line Pond, LeBrun and North Dorchester Roads.

Bridge replanking with railings as required was completed on LeBrun and Province Roads and the bridge at Melanson's.

Pike Industries was subcontracted to do quality long life paving on River and Bickford Woods Roads. These projects are to be completed this year.

Winter Maintenance

Only minor repairs have been necessary for the town equipment and fortunately we continue to have access to a sand and gravel pit for town use and purchase of materials.

Replacement of town equipment will come as needed.

I personally wish to thank Louis Delsart for his effectiveness in filling in for me when I was physically unable to perform my duties last winter.

Respectfully submitted,
George C. Conkey,
Road Agent

1991 LIBRARY REPORT

The library hours are 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturday, 10-12 a.m. In addition, residents are welcome to phone Mary Morrissey, Nella Ashley or me and we will be happy to arrange access to the Library at off-hour times. Also, delivery of books to elderly and shut-ins is available on request.

We have added several large print books to our collection through purchase as well as by donation. If you desire a particular book that we do not have, we can try to get it for you through interlibrary loan.

Thanks to Estelle Milman for regularly volunteering her services, working primarily on our collections and cataloging. In December, Dave and Estelle Milman hosted the first of several children's story/activity meetings at the Library. We are indebted to them for undertaking this project in which they not only volunteered their time, but also provided equipment, tools and supplies for an array of projects which the children could choose to construct and take home.

The Library has added over 100 books this year. This was accomplished by buying several "like new" or "good condition" books at used book sales and by purchase of new books from bookstores. Nearly all of the latter are from a list of school suggested reading for students.

The Friends of the Library continue to meet at 1 p.m. every other Wednesday at the Library, assisting in the operation of the Library and holding occasional sales to raise funds. We wish to acknowledge the generosity of Blanche MacDonald for the Annalee doll and Mrs. Estabrook for the lovely handmade sweater which they donated as raffle prizes at one of our fundraisers. We are also indebted to Jean Baarson for her continued generous support of our Library. A hearty thank you to all who have supported our Library and Library sales with donations of books, money, baked goods and flea items, and most of all, by your ATTENDANCE.

Herbert Noel
Librarian

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Fincial Report - 1991

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1990.....	\$ 9.52
Town Appropriation, 1991.....	250.00
Misc. Donations.....	<u>111.25</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$370.77

EXPENDITURES:

Magazine Subscriptions.....	63.95
Insurance.....	100.00
Supplies.....	16.32
Book Purchases.....	166.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	#346.80

BALANCE ON HAND, Dec. 31, 1991.....# 23.97

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Morrissey
Library Trustee

DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE
1991 Financial Report

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1991.....	\$109.92
Appropriation from Town.....	500.00
Issac Burnham donation.....	30.00
Total Receipts.....	\$639.92

EXPENDITURES:

Care of Cemeteries.....	\$456.00
Bank Service Charges.....	37.66
Total Expenditures.....	\$493.66

BALANCE ON HAND, Dec.31, 1991.....\$146.26

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Carroll Abell
Treasurer

PLANNING BOARD REPORT - 1991

The Planning Board met twelve times during 1991. Three subdivisions were approved, creating nine new lots, including one which required a variance for minimum frontage before it could be approved. This variance had been approved by the Board of Adjustment. One application was denied for lack of frontage and access.

Many members and alternates did mapping work to facilitate the revaluation of property performed by the Department of Revenue during the year. There were also discussions of Site Plan Review regulations, Capital Improvements program and necessary amendments to the Subdivision regulations, but nothing was finalized for adoption.

Chairman Jean Belair resigned from the Board in December. His leadership was a positive for the board and his ready availability and advice will be missed by surveyors and developers. Jean Goode also found it necessary to resign as Secretary, so the Board enters a new year without officers and with one vacancy. Anybody interested in filling the vacancy should apply to the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
V.F.Parker, ex-officio member

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT - 1991

There were five noticed meetings of the Board during 1991, all during the latter half of the year. At the year's first meeting, Chairman Kenneth "Harley" Mackro resigned from the Board. Maureen Taylor Blanch was elected to replace him as Chairman, Larry Russeau was elected Vice-Chairman and new member, Evelyn Young, was elected secretary.

There were five applications for variances during the year. One was granted without noticed hearing as being within the protective period of State Law for changes of restrictions. One application was granted, one granted conditionally and one was denied. One application was pending at the end of the year. In addition, one property owner declined to make application and was directed to remove an addition built without a permit and in violation of the Land Use Ordinance.

This year's activity has strengthened knowledge among new and old owners of the terms of our ordinance and the necessity of obtaining building permits. It appears also that some lending banks are beginning to take notice of these requirements when considering mortgage applications.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen T. Blanch, Chairman

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Upper Valley is one of 9 Regional Planning Commissions in the State of New Hampshire and includes in its membership 31 towns and cities in Grafton and Sullivan Counties in New Hampshire, and 4 towns in Vermont. Services are rendered to member communities on both no-charge and contract basis.

Membership entitles a town to obtain information from the Commission's extensive library of legal, planning and local Ordinance material to use for guidance or source material. The professional staff is available for advice on problems in drafting or amending ordinances or regulations or other matters which arise in the day-to-day administration of the town. In addition, the Commission affords a forum to address regional issues.

More extensive "hands-on" or in-depth services are available from the staff on either an hourly or contract basis. These include "circuit rider" services to town

boards or commissions, help in application for and administration of Community Development Block Grants, or in community mapping, environmental planning and land preservation.

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District pursued a variety of projects in 1991. The District committee continued to evaluate disposal options in the region. In December, after more than a year of negotiations, the District entered into a long term waste contract with Consumat Sanco in Bethlehem. The contract provides favorable disposal rates and terms to member communities wishing to participate. Rumney transfer station will be one of the first to take advantage of this agreement. The District views the agreement as a large step in developing a long term, environmentally sound and economically feasible program for the region's solid waste management.

The District also worked to promote local recycling programs. Member towns shared information on recycling markets, handling, facility design and storage. The professional solid waste planner contracted from North Country Council was instrumental in the successful application by Rumney and Dorchester for a recycling grant which resulted in the glass crushing equipment and additional storage for glossy paper, steel cans and plastic. The District will continue to promote recycling in 1992, and several new programs are expected.

The District held its second household hazardous waste collection day in October. From the standpoint of the amount of unwanted materials collected and properly disposed of, the day was a success but these collection days as presently arranged are an extremely expensive way of handling the problem. The District expects to have household hazardous waste collection in 1992, but will search for methods to make it more cost effective.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1991 Report

In a continuing effort to communicate more directly with Grafton County citizens, we take great pleasure in submitting the following report for your information.

During the past year, the County Nursing Home has continued providing excellent care for approximately 120 elderly and infirm residents. In November, we opened a unit designed to meet the needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and similar afflictions.

New projects were also initiated at the County Farm. The piggery was reinstituted and a lilac nursery was added. Extra potatoes were planted for contribution to food pantries throughout the county.

For the second year in a row, we were able to reduce county taxes while maintaining necessary county services. The Commissioners intend to continue to hold the line on expenses, but do expect a modest tax increase next year due to the elimination of surpluses generated by unanticipated increases in nursing home revenues.

The County has distributed funds to local agencies to prevent out-of-home placements of troubled children and youth. We also provide a free Youth and Family Mediation Program in the Lebanon, Littleton and Plymouth areas.

The Board has made great strides in expanding effort to inform our constituents about county government. Tours of county facilities, a mock trial for school children and an open house took place during County Government Week in April and plans are underway for an even broader program for the coming year (April 5-11). We held a special information session for local officials in September, have spoken to school and civic groups, and developed a slide presentation to show people what the county does.

In closing, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to local officials and agencies and the citizens for their continued interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jo Taffe, District #3 (603) 786-9836

Gerard J. Zeiller, District #1 (603) 448-1909

Raymond S. Burton, District #2 (603) 747-3662

MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES
TOWN REPORT - 1991

We are pleased to have the opportunity to report on the activities of Mascoma Home Health Services for 1991, our twenty-second year of providing home and community health care to the residents of your community.

This has been a year of tremendous growth in the need and request for home care services. Nursing visits alone have increased 60%. We are proud of our staff of nurses, therapists, home health aides, homemakers and parent aides. Their experience, dedication, and skill in caring for people in their homes have made it possible for us to meet this challenge.

The Maternal and Child Health Program is available to young families in the community. This program includes a well child clinic with an enrollment of 175 children 0-6 years of age who receive immunizations, physical exams, vision screening, and information on nutrition, dental care, safety, child development. Follow-up home visits to some children and families are made by nurses specializing in pediatric care and parent aides, to help them care for themselves and their children in the most productive and positive way possible. This year we have added a Respite Child Care program available to families enrolled in our programs.

Community clinics including monthly blood pressure screenings, routine foot care and a yearly Flu Vaccine clinic are also a part of the health promotion activities of the agency. Anyone is welcome to attend these clinics.

This year the professional staff has made 10,056 home visits. In the town of Dorchester 245 visits were made. 18 individuals received services in all programs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, made up of community volunteers, the staff and the people who are helped by our care, a thank you for your part in making our programs possible. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet G. Knight
Executive Director

GRAFTON CO. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

STATISTICS for the TOWN of Dorchester
October 1, 1990 - September 30, 1991

Number of Senior DORCHESTER residents served 11 (of 64
over 60; 1990 Census)

Number of DORCHESTER Volunteers 2;

Number of volunteer hours 240.5.

Services	Unit of Service	Units of Service	Unit Cost	Total Cost of Service
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	334 x	\$4.22 =	\$1,409.00
Transportation	Trips	319 x	\$5.49 =	\$1,751.00
Social Services	$\frac{1}{2}$ Hour	51.5	\$8.62 = \$	444.00

GCSCC Cost to provide services for
Dorchester residents only.....\$3,604.00

Request for Senior Services in 1990.....\$ 288.00

Received for Town of Dorchester for 1990.....\$ 288.00

Request for Senior Services for 1991.....\$ 300.00

Note:

1. Unit cost from Audit, Oct. 1, 1990 - Sept. 30, 1991.
2. Services funded by: Fed. & State programs, 48%; Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County & United Way, 15%; Contributions, 13%; in-kind donations, 20%; Other, 2%; Friends of GCSCC, 2%.

TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Formerly known as the Plymouth Area Crisis Services, this non-profit volunteer organization provides assistance to adult victims of domestic and sexual violence. We serve 18 towns: Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Lincoln, Plymouth, Rummey, Thornton, Waterville Valley, Warren, Wentworth, and North Woodstock.

The organization was formed in 1981 by members of the community who saw a need for a group that could provide direct services to adult victims of domestic violence. Since that time, the Task Force's volunteers have provided a 24-hour crisis line and a variety of other services for victims of domestic and, since 1988, sexual violence. The Task Force shelter opened in September 1990 and has been occupied consistently throughout its first year of operation. Our volunteers provide legal advocacy, emergency shelter, transportation, food, emotional support services and referrals to our clients. Members also coordinate and conduct community outreach programs.

Except for a moderate fee for those shelter residents who can afford it, all services are free to all victims of sexual or domestic violence in the towns served by the Task Force. Volunteers and staff adhere strictly to NH law (RSA 173-B:21), which requires that they maintain confidentiality with regard to persons served by them and files kept by the organization. Also, as required by law, (RSA 173-C Privilege Bill), all information received by a volunteer or staff member in the course of a relationship with a victim is confidential. This law allows the Task Force to keep its location from being made public.

Serving women and children in the Plymouth area
Office (603) 5360-3423 24-hour hot line 536-1659

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Because of the reduction in federal funds received for our Outreach Program, we are asking for your continued financial assistance with a modest increase. We are able to keep our request for funds from the towns modest, at this time, as a result of a small grant from the State of New Hampshire to assist homeless persons/families throughout the northern three counties. For 1992, we would like to request \$220.00 from your town.

This past year, we have served 23 households of 42 people, provided 56 client service units, in addition to assisting area families with approximately \$37,598.44 in direct services or products. This is spent on providing emergency food and shelter, distribution of food products and Food Pantry assistance, as well as our fuel assistance and weatherization programs.

Outreach is the field services arm of the Tri-County Community Action Program. The purpose is to assist low-income, elderly and handicapped person to solve individual problems and meet their needs through individual and/or group self-help efforts. Outreach Coordinators accomplish this purpose by providing information, referrals, guidance, organizational assistance, individual counseling and effectively linking and utilizing community resources.

PEMI-BAKER
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL

The Pemi-Baker Youth and Family Services Council is a non-profit human service agency, formed in 1990 to provide services to residents of the fifteen towns in the Plymouth District Court area. Its purpose is to meet the needs of youth and their families by providing a comprehensive referral service, supporting programs that serve youth and their families, and developing new programs and services. At the present time, we provide information and referral services and sponsor the Challenge and Juvenile Court Diversion Programs. Except for a moderate fee for the participants of the Challenge Program, all services are free.

The Challenge Program is a structured but flexible curriculum concentrating on adolescent substance abuse issues. It operates as an early intervention program for youths who are at high risk and hopefully prevents the progression of substance use/abuse. Referral can be made by anyone but are generally made by the courts, law enforcement officials and school officials.

The Juvenile Court Diversion Program is an alternative to traditional court processing by referring juvenile offenders (ages 11-18) to an alternative community program. Referrals are made to the Coordinator by the Plymouth District Court and deals primarily with the first-time, non-violent offender. Emphasis is placed on making sure the youth understands the consequences and is accountable for his/her actions. The purpose of diversion is to give youth in trouble a second chance. Through diversion the juvenile avoids a criminal record.

It is our intent in 1992, to expand the diversion program to include direct referrals from law enforcement and school officials.

BIRTHS - TOWN OF DORCHESTER - 1991

Date	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Mother	Name of Father	Mother Born	Father Born
07-27-91	Devin Charles Coleman	M	Sherrie Lee Young	Charles Henry Coleman	NH	CT
08-06-91	John Graydon Legg	M	Cheryl Ann Legg	John Graydon Legg, III	RI	VA
09-13-91	Kayla Marie Pratt	F	Charlene Marie Pratt	Kevin Gene Pratt	NH	NY
10-30-91	Nyles Joseph McCarthy	M	Theresa Adele McCarthy	Timothy Joseph McCarthy	MA	MA
12-02-91	Paige Elizabeth Skipper	F	Janet Mary Kummer	Paul Edward Skipper	CT	MA

MARRIAGES - TOWN OF DORCHESTER - 1991

Date/Place	Groom & Bride	Residence	Names of Parents
09-25-91	Charles Henry Coleman	Dorchester, NH	Ray Edwin Coleman/Catherine Ruth Smith
Wentworth	Sherrie Lee Young	Dorchester, NH	Richard Melvin Young, Sr./Pearl Dorothy Comeau
09-28-91	John Richard Murdock	Dorchester, NH	Richard William Murdock/Beverly Louise Richardson
Wentworth	Tammy Mari Smith	Dorchester, NH	Jane Ann Jantti
11-22-91	Michael Anthony Landry	Dorchester, NH	Joseph Aquila Landry/Georgia Lillian Johnson
	Linda Marion Gove	Dorchester, NH	Malcolm D. Merrill/Frances E. Willey

DEATHS - TOWN OF DORCHESTER - 1991

Date	Place	Name	Age	Father's Name	Mother's Name
07-25-91	White River Jct., Vt.	David Edward Brooks	80	Frank A. Brooks	Liddia Lockhard



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